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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Medical Services

SUBJECT : Program Submission for FY 1975

This memorandum seeks to further elaborate on the questions raised and items identified by the DD/M&S Plans Staff.

With reference to the question concerning alcoholism in the Agency: Several years ago an OMS Task Force on alcoholism surveyed the incidence of cases involving alcohol coming to the attention of various offices in the Agency. At that time we were assured by a consultant [redacted] that the incidence was much

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extensive experience in industrial alcohol programs such as in General Motors, United Airlines, etc. He felt that the incidence in the Agency as determined at that point was less than in industry.

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As has been noted, in the nine months ending December 31, 1972, [redacted] cases involving the excessive use of alcohol were referred to the Office of Personnel. The Medical Office was involved in each of these cases. [redacted] at that time were still on the Agency payroll, one had been recommended for disability retirement, one was found not fit for duty and had applied for disability retirement, and one employee had died. Two further cases had sought medical consultation but had not brought the cases to the official attention of the Office of Personnel. These cases had been referred for appropriate treatment and the cases were being monitored. In addition there were two further cases in which individuals had sought the assistance of the Office of Medical Services-- one had accepted rehabilitative recommendations, while the other was hesitant to do so.

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